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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Though there is almost a consensus of opinion that higher education should be imparted in the regional languages, the real difficulty arises in its actual application. It is found extremely difficult to teach technical and scientific subjects in the regional languages. While we appreciate the Government's stand in the matter, may I know what steps they have taken or proposed to take to overcome these difficulties and shortcomings?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: The first thing is to standardize technical terms, particularly, scientific terms. That is being done now. That is under preparation. Books also will have to be brought out in the various regional languages. So far as the technical subjects are concerned, attempts are being made to bring out books in the regional languages, particularly in Tamil. We are thus taking steps in that direction. I do agree with the hon. Member that unless sufficient preparation is made, it will be difficult. If we take a hasty step without sufficient preparation in the matter, we may perhaps find ourselves in great difficulty. That is why, the Government are taking necessary steps to see that the regional language, when introduced as the medium of instruction, will not create difficulties.

Construction of Government theatres in the State

* 45 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any communication from the Sangeet Natak Academy during the Drama Seminar held in April 1956, regarding the construction of theatres in the State by the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: On the basis of the resolution received from the Sangeet Natak Academy, will the Government be prepared to construct theatres in each district so that many cultural activities could be organized in proper surroundings?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is only a question of priorities as to whether we should first take up the construction of theatres or attend to the urgent needs of the people of the State. I do agree that these are all necessary. But, we will have to have a sense of proportion in taking up these things.

Investigation of mineral deposits

* 46 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any investigation about the availability of—

(1) Uranium,

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(2) Gold,

(3) Iron, and

(4) Bauxite was made in 1955–56; and

(*b*) if so, the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Investigation regarding the availability of iron ore was made during the field season 1955–56. No investigation of bauxite and gold occurrences was carried out during the field season 1955–56. Uranium is an atomic mineral and investigation of atomic minerals is being carried out by the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India.

(*b*) The reports on the investigations of iron ore are under preparation, by the Superintending Geologist and are awaited by the Government.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Sir, may I know the extent of uranium found out in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I have no information. I have said that investigation is being carried out by the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: May I know whether any investigation was made to find out the iron ore in Karivarangundu in Ernad taluk of South Malabar and gold deposits in Vandoor firka in Ernad taluk and if so with what results?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This question relates to what was done in 1955–56. This is all the information that I have. In view of the reported occurrence of iron ore in the Karigeri Hills, Gudiyatham taluk, North Arcot district and, in the area around Elakurichi, hamlet of Radiapatti, Kulitalai taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, the Geological Survey of India have made investigations and their reports are awaited. I have no other information with me, Sir.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM: It is stated by people in Tiruvannamalai that there are deposits of gold in Randum village, Thurinjupuram firka in North Arcot district, and recently a tablet was also found to that effect. Will the Government ask the Deputy Director in charge of Mines to make an investigation into the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that he had no information about the uranium investigation. May I know whether he is aware that uranium is a very precious metal nowadays? Does he at least know or has information as to where uranium is available in our State and if so, may I know whether we can have a share in the profits or the value of uranium that is found in this State?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am well aware that uranium is a very valuable material. I have only said that I have no information about its availability. The matter is being investigated by some other department of the Government of India. At the proper time, this Government will look into the other aspects of the question.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : நமது ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள புதைபொருள்களை இந்த அரசாங்கம் இதுவரை பரிசோதித்திருக்கிறதா ? அதற்கு புதை 9-30 a.m.
பொருள் ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்களை நியமித்திருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that this Government have got a proposal to have its own Geological section.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Is this Geological Survey conducted at random or at the instance or recommendation of this Government? If so, what it has recommended?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Geological Survey is not undertaken or initiated at random. When the Government have specific information about the availability of this or that material, they arrange to have a Geological Survey undertaken.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Have the Government ordered an investigation in the Vandur firka in the Ernad taluk where it is reported—and it has also been recorded in the Investigation Report published by the State Government—that there are gold deposits in Karivarangundu. It is evident from the fact that when the sand from the Nilambur river-bed is filtered, gold particles say gold rust are found?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that the Atomic Energy Department was primarily concerned with the investigation of uranium deposits. But have the Government of Madras attracted the attention of the Atomic Energy Department to the possibility of such deposits in the Madras State and asked them to investigate into the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that the Atomic Energy Department of the Government have been conducting a complete survey of the availability of uranium in the whole of India.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether this Government have constituted recently a Committee to consider the exploitation of the mineral wealth of the State and if so, whether any direction has been given to that Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think that any Committee as suggested by the hon. Member has been recently constituted by the Government.

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Why is the Hon. Minister uncertain and uninformed of the whole position? As a responsible Minister of a State, is it not necessary that he should be fully informed of the whole position?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I may admit that I am not so informed as the hon. Member about so many other things.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: On a point of order, Sir. My question is a simple and straightforward question and the question of my being informed about other matters does not arise or is the concern of this Minister. As the responsible Minister of a State he should inform the public about the whole position. If the Centre has conducted a survey, it is the duty of the Centre to inform as also the right of the State to find out the whole position and make the information available and not give the light-hearted answer that he is accustomed to.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: On a point of information. Sir. May I know what the Hon. Minister meant by saying that the hon. Member was better informed about so many subjects? On what subjects he is better informed?

MR. SPEAKER: I pass on to the next question.

* 47 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reconnaisance work has been conducted on the Madras beach during the year 1955–56 to find out the availability of monazite deposits;

(*b*) if so, the results of the survey; and

(*c*) the steps taken for the excavation of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

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Improvement of orchards

* 48 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received any financial assistance from the Centre during the year 1956 for the improvement of orchards; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know whether there is any proposal to start orchard centres?